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SUBJ: QATARI RELATIONS WITH YARG AND PDRY

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1. DURING JULY 7 CONVERSATION WITH QATARI FOREIGN MINISTER SHAYKH SUHAYM BIN HAMAD AL THANI, AMBASSADOR ASKED ABOUT SUHAYM'S MEETING WITH PDRY FONMIN DURING HIS JULY 1-3 VISIT TO BAGHDAD. SUHAYM REPLIED THAT MEETING WAS MERELY COURTESY CALL AT PDRY FONMIN'S REQUEST AND THAT NOTHING SUBSTANTIVE HAD TRANSPRIRED. WE ASKED WHETHER THERE WAS ANY PROSPECT OF GOQ'S ESTABLISHING RELATIONS WITH ADEN REGIME. SUHAYM STATED CATEGORICALLY THAT GOQ WOULD NOT RPT NOT ESTABLISH RELATIONS WITH PDRY UNTIL SAUDIS HAD DONE SO.

2. RE GOQ-YARG RELATIONS, WE ASKED SUHAYM FOR HIS IMPRESSIONS OF RECENT VISIT BY YAR PRESIDENT AL HAMDI. SUHAYM SAID

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THAT AL HAMDI HAD MADE EXCELLENT IMPRESSION. HE DESCRIBED VISIT AS PRIMARILY A GET ACQUAINTED ONE AND, IN RESPONDING TO

QUERY, SAID THAT HAMDI HAD MADE NO SPECIFIC REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE. SUHAYM RECALLED THAT GOQ WAS ALREADY HELPING YAR IN HEALTH, EDUCATION AND BROADCASTING FIELDS, AND THAT HE BELIEVED AMIR WAS CONTEMPLATING EXPANDING ASSISTANCE. ALTHOUGH AGAIN THERE WAS NOTHING SPECIFIC IN IMMEDIATE VIEW. ACCORDING SUHAYM, QATARIS THOUGHT AL HAMDI WAS GOOD MAN AND WORTHY OF SUPPORT AND, MORE IMPORTANT, HE BELIEVED SAUDIS HELD SAME VIEW.

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